

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 25 of the specification, beginning at line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

The ridge vent 11 is formed with at least one tear line extending transversely across the vent for manual separation of the ridge vent along the tear line. In general, the tear line is a line of relative weakness extending across the ridge vent and may take on any of a number of configurations. In FIG. 7, two possible types of tear line configurations are illustrated and are considered by the inventors to be alternative best modes of carrying out the invention. Specifically, tear line 46 is formed by a series of perforations 48 formed in the top panel 12 and the perforations 48 are aligned with each other across the width of the panel. Together, the aligned perforations form a line of relative weakness along which the panel can be separated, as detailed below. As an alternative to aligned perforations, tear line [[49]] 47 is an example of a tear line formed by a score 49 molded into the plastic of the ridge vent. The score 49 forms a line of relatively thinner plastic and thus defines the line of relatively weakness along which the ridge vent may be separated.